

**Claims**

1. A device for limiting the movement of rotatably mounted parts, in particular pivotable upholstery elements of vehicle seats (1), having a locking piece (7) which is arranged inside the rotatably mounted part and can be made to releasably engage with a counter-bearing (15), characterized in that the locking piece (7) operatively interacts with a control device (10) situated in the area of the joint (4) of the rotatably mounted part.  
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2. The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the operative interaction occurs by way of a mechanical force-transmitting device (13).  
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3. The device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the locking piece (7) comprises a bolt (9) which is preferably longitudinally displaceable in the rotatably mounted part.  
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4. The device as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the bolt (9) has an inclined and/or arched end face.  
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5. The device as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the bolt (9) can be pushed into the part against the action of a compression spring (17).  
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6. The device as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the control device (10) has mechanical guide means, in relation to which the rotatably mounted part is angularly adjustable.  
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7. The device as claimed any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the counter-bearing (15) acts as limit stop in one direction of

rotation of the rotatably mounted part, and as releasable catch device in the opposite direction of rotation.

5 8. A vehicle seat (1) having at least one rotatably mounted upholstery element and a device limiting the movement of the upholstery element according to any one of the preceding claims.

10 9. The vehicle seat as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the device serves to limit the movement of a backrest (5) folded from a substantially upright position of use onto the seat part (3) into a horizontal transport position.

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10. The vehicle seat as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the device serves to limit the movement of a seat part (3) folded from a substantially horizontal position of use away from the backrest (5) into a vertical or horizontal transport position.

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11. The vehicle seat as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the device serves for limiting the movement between segments (29.1, 29.2) of the backrest (5) that can be folded from substantially upright positions of use onto the seat part (3) into horizontal transport positions.